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SUBJ: SOUTH ASIAN REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT

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- 1. MINCON AND MISOFFS MET WITH SIR ROBERT JACKSON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. IN SUMMATION CURRENT SITUATION SIR ROBERT COMMENTED ON SOUTH ASIAN REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT, MEKONG DELTA PROJECT, UN ZAMBIAN OPERATION AND UN SAHELIAN OPERATION. SEPARATE MESSAGES WILL COVER LAST THREE TOPICS.
- 2. RE SOUTH ASIAN REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT, SIR ROBERT STATED THAT HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION NEXT WEEK TO GIVE HIS THOUGHTS FOR UN INVOLVEMENT IN RESETTLEMENT, FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH ULLBRICHT AND AMBASSADOR LACOSTE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF ASSESSMENT OF MUJIB'S REQUIREMENTS. HE STATED THAT THREE LOOSE ENDS NEED TO BE RESOLVED: (1) THE NEED FOR SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF UNROB PHASEOUT; AND (3) THE NEED TO DEFINE RESETTLEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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AND ASCERTAIN WHAT IF ANYTHING SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT.

- 3. WITH REGARD DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING PHASE-OUT, SIR ROBERT INDICATED THAT UNDP RESREP IN PAKISTAN APPARENTLY CAPABLE OF TAKING ON ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES, WHILE THIS PROBABLY LESS TRUE FOR RESREP IN DACCA. WITH REGARD BOTH DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING PHASEOUT AND DEFINITION OF RESETTLEMENT, SIR ROBERT STATED HE HAD RESPONDED TO REQUEST BY MUJIB FOR CARTE BLANCHE TYPE ASSISTANCE BY STATING THAT THERE IS NEED TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR RESETTLEMENT VERSUS DEVELOPMENT.
- 4. IN DISCUSSING THESE LOOSE ENDS SIR ROBERT EXPRESSED TWO CONCERNS. FIRST, HE INDICATED CONCERN WITH FACT THAT DISCUSSIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN THESE SUBJECTS IMPLY ACTIONS FOR 1974 BUT WITHOUT ANY OPERATIONAL BODY IN EXISTENCE TO MOUNT PROGRAMS OR COORDINATE ACTIVITIES. SECOND, HE INDICATED CONCERN THAT SYG WILL HAVE TO MAKE HARD DECISION ON PRIORITIES BETWEEN SOUTH ASIAN SITUATION AND MID EAST SITUATION, SINCE IN HIS VIEW UN CANNOT HANDLE BOTH WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING SYG'S CREDIBILITY.
- 5. USUN WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SIR ROBERT NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH LACOSTE AND ULLBRICHT AND ASSESSMENT OF MUJIB'S NEEDS AND WILL INFORM DEPT RESULT OUR DISCUSSIONS.
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